

## CLAIMS

1           1.       A receiving track for use with a plurality of vertically extending  
2       and spaced-apart wall studs, comprising:

3                an elongated body exhibiting a substantially “U” shape in profile and  
4       having a bottom extending face and first and second interconnecting and  
5       upwardly extending sides;

6                a plurality of apertures defined in said extending sides, in aligning  
7       fashion and between first and second extending ends of said body;

8                pairs of upwardly extending tabs defined in said bottom extending face,  
9       each of said pairs of tabs being arranged in spaced-apart and opposing fashion  
10      and such that a center point between said pair of tabs is in alignment with a  
11      selected pair of side extending apertures; and

12              selected ends of the plurality of extending studs seating upon said  
13      bottom extending face, between said pairs of upwardly extending tabs, and in  
14      substantially center aligning fashion between said selected pairs of apertures  
15      prior to receiving fasteners inserting through said apertures for securing the  
16      studs to the body.

1           2.       The receiving track as described in claim 1, further comprising a  
2       pair of first and second elongated bodies arranged in parallel opposing and  
3       spaced-apart fashion, the plurality of wall studs extending between said bodies.

1           3.     The receiving track as described in claim 2, each of said bodies  
2 further comprising a lip edge extending from at least one end of said bottom  
3 extending face, said extending lip edge engaging a succeeding body placed in  
4 end-to-end extending fashion.

1           4.     The receiving track as described in claim 3, further comprising  
2 each of said end-to-end extending bodies exhibiting an extending and  
3 overlapping lip edge, at least one of said lip edges exhibiting apertures formed  
4 therethrough for receiving fasteners.

1           5.     The receiving track as described in claim 1, each of said bodies  
2 further comprising an incision extending axially inwardly from at least one end  
3 of said bottom extending face, an abutting and end extending face of a  
4 succeeding body seating within said incision to overlap first and second bodies  
5 in end-to-end extending fashion.

1           6.     The receiving track as described in claim 1, said body further  
2 comprising a lip edge extending from at least one end of said bottom extending  
3 face, said extending lip edge engaging a bottom face of an angled bracket  
4 portion.

1           7.     The receiving track as described in claim 1, said tabs each  
2 further comprising angled punch-out portions formed from said bottom face.

1           8.       The receiving track as described in claim 7, said pairs of tabs  
2       corresponding with each individual pair of aligning apertures.

1           9.       The receiving track as described in claim 1, each of said pairs of  
2       apertures exhibiting a specified diameter, a centerline location of each side  
3       extending aperture being spaced apart a distance of four inches.

1           10.      The receiving track as described in claim 1, said elongated body  
2       exhibiting a specified shape and size for receiving a three-sided steel wall stud.

1           11.      The receiving track as described in claim 1, said elongated body  
2       exhibiting a specified shape and size for receiving a rectangular cross-sectional  
3       shaped wood stud.

1           12.      The receiving track as described in claim 1, a center point  
2       between a selected pair of opposing tabs being spaced apart a distance of  
3       sixteen inches from a center point established between a succeeding pair of  
4       tabs.

1           13.      The receiving track as described in claim 1, further comprising  
2       an indicia scheme extending along said first and second sides of said elongated  
3       body.

1           14.     The receiving track as described in claim 1, further comprising  
2     an indicia scheme extending along opposite extending edges of said bottom  
3     face.

1           15.     The receiving track as described in claim 14, said indicia  
2     scheme further comprising an incrementing numerical representation extending  
3     along a first selected side, a reciprocal and decrementing numerical  
4     representation extending along a second side.

1           16.     A receiving track for use with a plurality of vertically extending  
2     and spaced-apart wall studs, comprising:

3           an elongated body exhibiting a substantially “U” shape in profile and  
4     having a bottom extending face and first and second interconnecting and  
5     upwardly extending sides;

6           a plurality of apertures defined in said extending sides, in aligning  
7     fashion and between first and second extending ends of said body, each of said  
8     pairs of apertures exhibiting a specified diameter, a centerline location of each  
9     side extending aperture being spaced apart a distance of four inches;

10          pairs of upwardly extending tabs defined in said bottom extending face,  
11     each of said pairs of tabs being arranged in spaced-apart and opposing fashion  
12     and such that a center point between said pair of tabs is in alignment with a  
13     selected pair of side extending apertures;

14           each of said bodies further comprising a lip edge extending from at  
15           least one end of said bottom extending face, said extending lip edge engaging a  
16           succeeding body placed in end-to-end extending fashion; and  
17           selected ends of the plurality of extending studs seating upon said  
18           bottom extending face, between said pairs of upwardly extending tabs, and in  
19           substantially center aligning fashion between said selected pairs of apertures  
20           prior to receiving fasteners inserting through said apertures for securing the  
21           studs to the body.

1           17.     A receiving track for use with a plurality of vertically extending  
2           and spaced-apart wall studs, comprising:  
3           upper and lower extending elongated bodies arranged in parallel  
4           opposing and spaced apart fashion, the plurality of wall studs extending  
5           between said bodies, each of said bodies exhibiting a substantially “U” shape in  
6           profile and having a bottom extending face and first and second  
7           interconnecting and upwardly extending sides;  
8           a plurality of apertures defined in said extending sides, in aligning  
9           fashion and between first and second extending ends of each of said bodies,  
10          each of said pairs of apertures exhibiting a specified diameter, a centerline  
11          location of each side extending aperture being spaced apart a distance of four  
12          inches;  
13          pairs of extending tabs defined in said bottom extending face, each of  
14          said pairs of tabs being arranged in spaced apart and opposing fashion and such

15       that a center point between said pair of tabs is in alignment with a selected pair  
16       of side extending apertures;

17               each of said bodies further comprising a lip edge extending from at  
18       least one end of said bottom extending face, said extending lip edge engaging a  
19       succeeding body placed in end-to-end extending fashion;

20               an indicia scheme extending along at least one of said first and second  
21       sides and said bottom face of said body in reverse and reciprocal fashion;

22               selected ends of the plurality of extending studs seating upon said  
23       bottom extending face, according to selected indicia scheme rotations, between  
24       said pairs of upwardly extending tabs, and in substantially center aligning  
25       fashion between said selected pairs of apertures prior to receiving fasteners  
26       inserting through said apertures for securing the studs to said upper and lower  
27       extending bodies.